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House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kay Ganger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As you begin crafting the Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation, Housing, Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, I respectfully request funding for the City of North Bend Affordable Workforce Housing Project, City of North Bend, Coos County, Oregon, 4th Congressional District, in the amount of \$4,000,000 within the Economic Development Initiative Funding Effort.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of North Bend, located at 835 California Avenue, North Bend, OR 97459. The project is located at 1975 McPherson Avenue, North Bend, OR 97459.

The funding would be used to demolish the County annex and construct 72 affordable workforce housing units for critical workers in education, public safety, logistics, and the healthcare industry.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the City of North Bend is currently facing a housing crisis that if left unattended, could drive current residents to other cities with greater housing options, severely affecting the local economy in North Bend. While the City of North Bend is currently expanding, housing options are extremely limited. The City of North Bend plays a crucial role in facilitating trade with major commodity markets across the nation and is home to service workers in a variety of industries, such as doctors, teachers, port workers, members of the U.S. Coast Guard, and other trade and service members who desperately need affordable housing. The City of North Bend is moving forward with its own plans to expand housing, and this injection of funding from the federal government will help the City of North Bend provide new affordable housing options.

This project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), and 5305(a)(4), and meet the National Objectives for the Community Development Block Grant program.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Val T. Hoyle

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Member of Congress